by SAIL in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra has introduced super technology for production of high quality steel;

(b) what are the major achievements of the Maharashtra Electrosmelt Limited and Government's proposal to maximise production; and

(c) what is the total investment so far in Maharashtra Electrosmelt Limited?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Maharashtra Electrosmelt Ltd. (a subsidiary of SAIL) in collaboration with M/s. Uddeholm Licensing Co., Sweden has successfully developed 'CLU' technology for stainless steel making through a new route of Cupola-BD-Concast for the first time in the world.

The technology for converting the existing converter operations into tuyer based 'Combined Blowing Technology' has also been indigenously developed for the first time in the country.

(b) The major highlights of MEL's performance in 1989-90 have been—

(i) record production and despatches of ferro-alloys;

(ii) successful diversification into medium carbon ferro-manganese, besides stabilising the newly established products of silico-manganese;

(iii) significant improvements in the specific consumption rates of manganese ore, coke and flux per tonne of ferro alloy. Energy consumption per tonne of ferro-manganese has also been reduced.

(iv) export of 2698 tonnes of silico-manganese to Japan earning valueable-foreign exchange.

(v) significant reduction in cost of production, and

(vi) substantial increase in turnover from Rs. 27.86 crores in 1985-86 to an estimated Rs. 90 crores this year.

MEL is operating at an optimum level for production of ferro-alloys. The Steel Division is being used primarily for Research and Development purpose so that the technology developed at MEL can be horizontally transferred to various SAIL Units.

(c) The total investment in MEL has been around Rs. 52.2 crores, including share capital of Rs. 4.99 crores as on 31-3-1989.

Cases of intimidation during Assembly elections in Maharashtra

2111. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints of intimidation that have been received by the Maharashtra Election Commission during the recent Assembly elections?

(b) whether the Chandrapur District police officers also informed the State Election Commission about threats given to them and also about misbehaviour by certain candidates;

(c) whether any enquiry into the matter has since been conducted; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) (a) to (d) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.